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SUBJECT: 32D UNGA--THIRD COMMITTEE/DECADE FOR WOMEN, ITEM 85

1. SUMMARY. THIRD COMMITTEE CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 85 AND HEARD STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF SAUDI ARABIA, JAMAICA, COSTA RICA, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE, ROMANIA, SENEGAL, BYELORUSSIA SSR, BRAZIL, MEXICO, UKRAINIAN SSR, VENEZUELA, MONGOLIA, CHAD, LIBERIA, LESOTHO, FRANCE AND IRAQ. IN ADDITION TO BASIC RUNDOWN BY EACH REPRESENTATIVE CONCERNING WOMEN'S SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL PROGRESS IN HIS PERSPECTIVE COUNTRY, DELEGATES RAISED FOLLOWING THEMES: LINK BETWEEN NIEO AND WOMEN'S STATUS; PROBLEMS OF DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION REGARDING WOMEN'S PROGRESS IN GAINING EQUAL RIGHTS; AND SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF "RURAL" WOMEN. THERE WAS GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT AGENDA ITEM ON WHOLE ACCEPTABLE, NEEDING CLARIFICATION AND POLISHING. INDIA, IRAQ AND POSSIBLY ROMANIA HAVE MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH CERTAIN DRAFT CONVENTION ARTICLES. EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD SPEECHES WERE GIVEN BY BRAZIL, VENEZUELA, FRANCE AND LIBERIA. END SUMMARY.

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2. SAUDI ARABIA. REP CONTINUED ALONG SAME LINES AS OCT 17TH.

3. JAMAICA. JAMAICAN REP SUPPORTED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE AND VOLUNTARY FUND, URGING CONTINUED WORK TOWARD DRAFTCONVENTION ADOPTION.

4. COSTA RICA. COSTA RICA SUPPORTS VOLUNTARY FUND AND

DRAFT CONVENTION IN PRICIPLE, BUT FEELS CONVENTION COULD BE STRENGTHENED. THERE SHOULD BE SECTION ON CULTURAL RIGHTS AND CLARIFICATION OF LEGAL SECTIONS IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH STATES' LAWS. THERE SHOULD BE BETTER DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION REGARDING STATUS AND INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY AND DEVELOPMENTAL PROCESS.

5. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. WOMEN'S PROBLEMS ARE SOCIETY'S PROBLEMS AS A WHOLE. THERE MUST BE COMPLETE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENTAL PROCESS. NATIONAL INITIATIVES ARE INADEQUATE; NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES. WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: INSTITUTE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON MEANS AND METHODS OF IMPLEMENT MEASURES OF WOMEN'S DECADE AND ACTION PROGRAM. REP NOTED LINK BETWEEN AGENDA ITEM AND NIEO. AS LONG AS NO NIEO, WOMEN WILL BE DEPRIVED. WHILE EMPHASIZING WOMEN'S RIGHTS, REP MANAGED TO SLIP IN ROLE OF FAMILY AND WOMAN AS PILLAR OF FAMILY AND SOCIETY.

6 CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE. CAE REP'S SPEECH EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF BOTH MEN AND WOMEN PARTICIPATING IN DEVELOPMENTAL PROCESS. CAE SUPPORTS ITEM, INSTITUTE, AND VOLUNTARY FUND. VOLUNTARY FUND PRIORITY SHOULD BE LEAST ADVANCED, LANDLOCKED AND ISLAND COUNTRIES. REP CONCLUDED, REITERATING CAE SUPPORT FOR PEOPLES OF SOUTH AFRICA, ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA.
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7. ROMANIA. ROMANIAN REP'S WOMEN'S PROGRESS REPORT CONTAINED USUAL SOCIALIST RHETROIC ON DETENTE, DISARMAMENT, ETC. ROMANIA SUPPORTS GDR INITIATIVES FOR BRINGING WOMEN INTO GREATER PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL SPHERE AND RESERVED RIGHT TO COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM, ARTICLE BY ARTICLE, IN WORKING GROUP.

8. SENEGAL. SENGAL WELCOMES CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM FEELING THAT ITS GOALS SHOULD BE CONNECTED WITH NIEO. DETAILED REMARKS RESERVED FOR WORKING GROUP, ALTHOUGH GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE. DRAFT CONVENTION SHOULD REFLECT SPIRIT OF REALISM AND UNIVERSALITY APPLICABLE ON WORLD-WIDE SCALE. REP SUGGESTED THAT WOMEN'S ROLE IN DEVELOPMENTAL PROCESS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED JOINTLY WITH SECOND COMMITTEE TO SEE MORE CLEARLY HOW WOMEN HAVE BEEN INTEGRATED INTO THE DEVELOPMENTAL PROCESS. VOLUNTARY FUND: SENEGAL HOPES PLEDGING CONFERENCE WILL SEE MARKED RISE IN REVENUE.

9. BYELORUSSIA SSR. ACCORDING TO REP, SOVIET WOMEN, LIVING IN WORKING UTOPIA, HAVE TOTAL EQUALITY WITH MEN. SOVIET WOMEN SUPPORT WORLD TREATY ON NON-USE OF FORCE

IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, SOCIALIST RHETORIC, ETC.
REP DIDN'T GET AROUND TO AGENDA ITEM, EXCEPT TO SAY
WOMEN'S DECADE IMPORTANT STEP IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING WORLD PEACE.

10. BRAZIL. BRAZIL FEELS DRAFT CONVENTION GOOD BASIS
FOR GENERAL CONSENSUS. BRAZIL SUPPORTS DRAFT ON WHILE
AND WILL MAKE SPECIFIC COMMENTS AT LATER DATE. WORLD
CONFERENCE" 1980: CONFERENCE MUST HAVE MORE IN-DEPTH
PREPARATION THAN MEXICAN CONFERENCE. BRAZILIAN REP
EMPHASIZED THAT MAJORITY OF WOMEN WITH EQUALITY PROB-
LEMS ARE WOMEN IN LOWER STRATE OF WORK FORCE. REP
WENT ON TO STRESS UN UNIVERSALITY. IDEAL STANDARD FOR
ONE COUNTRY NOT NECESSARITY GOOD FOR ALL. INDIVIDUAL
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GOVERNMENTS MUST CARRY OUT BULK OF UN INITIATIVES.
INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT IS NATIONAL TASK.

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11. MEXICO. MEXICAN REP STATED DRAFT CONVENTION
ADOPTION URGENT AND SUGGESTED THAT COMMITTEE CHAIR-
WOMAN INVITE PARTICIPATION OF SIXTH COMMITTEE TO
CONSIDER LEGAL ASPECTS OF CONVENTION SEPARATELY. MEXICO
HAS NO SUBSTANTIAL OBJECTIONS TO DRAFT CONVENTION BUT
FEELS IT DOES NEED CLARIFICATION AND POLISHING. NIEO

TOGETHER WITH STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN SOCIETY NEEDED FOR
FULL INTEGRATION OF WOMEN ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH MEN.

12. UKRAINIAN SSR. UKRAINIAN REP SUPPORTED AGENDA ITEM,
GIVING USUAL SOCIALIST RHETORIC ON DETENTE, DISARMAMENT, ETC.

13 VENEZUELA. VENEZUELAN REP NOTED PROBLEMS OF
"RURAL" WOMEN, PARTICULARLY THOSE ON "GRASS-ROOTS"
LEVEL WHO ARE NOT INTERESTED IN COMPETING WITH MEN.
THROUGH EDUCATION THEY CAN BECOME ECONOMICALLY INDE-
PENDENT, REACH THEIR POTENTIAL AS HUMAN BEINGS, AND
PROVIDE FOR THEIR CHILDREN. REP STRESSED NEED FOR
ADEQUATE UN AGENCIES INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION,
ESPECIALLY TO LDC'S. HIGH PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN NOT
AWARE OF OTHER WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT. WOMEN'S RIGHTS
ARE HUMAN RIGHTS. ONLY GOVERNMENTS OF THE PEOPLE
WILL SUCCEED IN ATTAINING FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF
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HUMAN RIGHTS. REP REITERATED NEED TO ESTABLISH NIEO.

14. MONGOLIAN PEOPLES' REPUBLIC. MONGOLIA SATISFIED
WITH DRAFT CONVENTION AS BEING ON WHOLE ACCEPTABLE,
HOPING FOR APPROVAL. REP CONTINUED WITH USUAL
SOCIALIST RHETORIC ON DETENTE, DISARMAMENT, COLONIALISM, ETC.

15. CHAD. CHAD REP SUPPORTED AGENDA ITEM CONCENTRATING
ON WOMEN'S EQUALITY AND DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING REF-
ERENCE TO INTERNAL INTERFERENCE OF "ANOTHER COUNTRY"
IN NORTHERN PART OF CHAD.

16. LIBERIA. LIBERIAN REP NOTED THAT DESPITE ALL
INSTRUMENTS AND CONVENTIONS SIGNED, FEW WOMEN SERVING
IN FORMULATION OF DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMS ON INTERNA-
TIONAL LEVEL. THERE IS A LACK OF WOMEN'S CONSCIOUSNESS;
THIS AWARENESS BEING NECESSARY FOR THEIR
EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION. WOMEN THEMSELVES MUST OBTAIN
THEIR RIGHTS; GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN SLOW TO ACT.
REP NOTED LIBERIAN MEN'S INITIAL OPPOSITION TO
LIBERIAN WOMEN'S MOVEMENT--NOT THAT OPPOSITION HASN'T
DISAPPEARED.

17. LESOTHO. LESOTHO BASICALLY SUPPORTS AGENDA ITEM.
REP NOTED THAT BASIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN
COULD BE EXPLOITED TO FIND FAIR DIVISION OF LABOR.
MUCH DISCRIMINATION IS PSYCHOLOGICAL. REP CALLED ON
WOMEN TO STOP FEELING PSYCHOLOGICAL DISCRIMINATION
AND START FIGHTING REAL THING.

18. INDIA. INDIAN REP STRESSED NATIONAL ROLE OF DE-

VELOPMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS.
MUCH WORK MUST BE DONE TO ASSIST RURAL WOMEN SINCE THEY
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BEAR MAJOR BURDEN OF UNDER-DEVELOPMENT. INDIA SUPPORTS
AGENDA ITEM, DRAFT BEING BASICALLY ALONG SAME LINES AS
INDIAN CONSTITUTION. INDIA HAS PROBLEMS WITH FOLLOWING
DRAFT ARTICLES: ARTICLE 11, CLAUSE (2) AND ARTICLE 9
CONFLICT WITH INDIAN CONSTITUTION; ARTICLE 10, CLAUSE
(C) MAY BE UNDERSIRABLE TO INDIAN SOCIETY; ARTICLE 11,
CLAUSE (A) IMPLEMENTATION MAY BE IMMEDIATELY FINANCIALLY
AND ECONOMICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR INDIA. INDIA HOPES THAT
DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY WILL BE INTRODUCED TO CONVENTION
WILL BE ADOPTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. INDIAN REP SUPPORTED
INSTITUTE, 1980 CONFERENCE AND VOLUNTARY FUND, REQUESTING
THAT BRIEF SUMMARY OF FUND'S PROJECTS BE CIRCULATED. REP
CONCLUDED BY LINKING NIEO WITH WOMEN'S STATUS.

19. FRANCE. FRANCE FAVORS AGENDA ITEM ADOPTION NOTING
THAT THERE ALREADY EXISTS NUMBER OF TEXTS ON SIMILAR
THEMES AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION MUST BE FOSTERED IN
ORDER TO FULLY BENEFIT FROM DRAFT CONVENTION. FRENCH
REP STATED FOLLOWING FRENCH OBJECTIVES REGARDING
WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT: 1) BUILDING EQUALITY; 2) EXTENDING
RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES; 3) RECOGNITION OF
WOMEN AS A PERSON. FRENCH EFFORTS TOWARD ENHANCING
WOMEN'S STATUS AIM AT CONCILIATION BETWEEN PROFESSIONAL
AND FAMILY LIFE, EQUALITY OF SPOUSES, AND JOINT
PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY. INTERESTING NOTE: FRANCE
IS UPDATING "RAPE" TEXTS OF LAWS--SUBJECT NOT YET
MENTIONED BY ANY OTHER COUNTRY TO DATE IN DEBATE.

20. IRAQ. AGENDA ITEM ON WHOLE POSITIVE DOCUMENT, BUT
SHOULD NOT BE CONFINED TO FEMINISM, MATERNITY, AND OTHER
DOMESTIC MATTERS. IRAQ HAS PROBLEMS WITH ARTICLES RE-
LATING TO MARRIAGE, PATERNITY, AND GRANTING NATIONALITY.
DRAFT CONVENTION SHOULD NOT BE ADOPTED HASTILY. WOMEN'S
STATUS WILL DEPEND ON ATTITUDE OF EACH STATE. WOMEN OF
IRAQ WILL NOT ASSUME NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF MODERN SOCIETY
OR REJECT POSITIVE OF OLD.
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21. HAITI. IN EXTREMELY SHORT SPEECH, HAITIAN REP
SUPPORTED AGENDA ITEM AND URGED ITS ADOPTION.
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